

Hunters of Helmsley clinches Independent Retailer of the Year Award

Hunters of Helmsley is celebrating winning the Independent Retailer of the Year award at Yorkshire Life's prestigious Food & Drink Awards 2015.

The store, which has been based on Helmsley's Market Place for 25 years, was commended for its wide and varied range of products, innovative approach to partnerships, customer service and helpful staff who are "never phased".

Helmsley was also home to another big winner at the event - the Black Swan Hotel, which was awarded the title of Hotel of the Year.

The awards are designed to champion the good and the great from the region's food and drink industry, including local producers and suppliers, chefs, restaurants, pubs and hoteliers.

The win comes on the back of Hunters being awarded the title of Britain's Best Small Shop at the House of Commons in the Spring.

Chris Garnett, who owns the deli with his wife Christine, accepted the Yorkshire Life award at an event at Ridding Park Hotel on Monday 21st September. He commented: "It's always so amazing to win any award, but particularly one which has been nominated and voted for by members of the public. We'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our team who work very hard to try and create a fantastic shopping experience for our customers. We want them to look forward to visiting and to know they'll always find both old favourites and exciting new things to try - and that they are guaranteed a warm Yorkshire welcome. It's an honour to work with so many fantastic local suppliers and producers and we're very passionate about keeping trade local where we can. It was also fantastic to see our neighbours in Helmsley, the Black Swan, win Hotel of the Year, which is very well deserved!"

For more information about the deli log on to www.huntersofhelmsley.com

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Notes to editors

Hunters are a renowned deli based in the picturesque village of Helmsley in North Yorkshire, awarded the accolade of Britain's Best Small Shop in 2015 at the House of Commons.

It stocks an extensive range of fresh and store cupboard foods, and a wide selection of alcoholic and soft beverages, attracting customers from well beyond the region keen to take advantage of the unusually wide range of products available. Proprietors Chris and Christine Garnett have run Hunters since 2008.

The ground floor of the store, which is on Helmsley's busy Market Place, sells fresh produce, including home-cooked beef, pork and ham, a wide range of cheeses, savoury pastries, homemade ready meals, bacon, sausages, freshly made sandwiches and selected seafood. The upstairs is an 'Aladdin's Cave' of jams, chutney, pickles, tea and coffee, spices, international delicacies, individual chocolates, unusual cookery ingredients, biscuits and cakes. In the unlikely event customers can't find what they're looking for, the staff are happy to order it in.

The majority of the products on offer are sourced from within the Yorkshire region, and supporting local suppliers is a key part of Hunters' philosophy.

Speciality hampers are available all year round via the website and can be delivered across the UK, along with Hunters' own label preserves, chutneys, relishes and pates, made just outside York.

Products can be bought in store (open 8am to 5.30pm, seven days a week) or ordered via the telephone for delivery across the UK.

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